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In re Application of	:	
Luther A. Johnson	:	
Application No. 10/681,404	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 8, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. RPD 0045	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 14, 2005.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

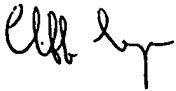
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed February 19, 2004, which set an extendable period for reply of two months for applicant to file replacement drawings. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, no reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 20, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 26, 2004.

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, submitted the required reply in the form of substitute drawings, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

Effective December 8, 2004, the small entity fee for a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was increased to \$750. Petitioner submitted \$685. Accordingly, the \$65 difference has been charged to petitioner's deposit account, as authorized.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cliff Congo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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